proceedings of the National Committee on Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Independence may not be with the Home Ministry. There was a separate Committee. The hon. Member, Dr. Karan Singh, was the Chairman of the Sub Committee. There are certain proceedings. They are not exactly under the Home Department. If all those things are collected, you will get a lot of material. Will the Government do that?

SHRI L.K. ADVANI: Sir, I will follow up the hon. Member's query with the Department concerned.

*447. [The questioner (Shri Khagen Das) was absent for answer, *vide* Page 24 *infra*].

Production of Energy from Municipal and Industrial Wastes in Bihar

*448. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up projects for production of energy from municipal and industrial wastes in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government have taken up the matter with the State Government of Bihar;

(d) if so, the response from the State Government; and

(e) the number of such projects which are likely to be established in the State and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) No proposal is under consideration for setting up projects for production of energy from municipal and industrial wastes in the State of Bihar.

(c) All the States, including Bihar, have been requested to announce policy guidelines conductive for the promotion of waste-to-energy projects.

(d) State Government of Bihar has not so far announced any policy guidelines in this regard.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b) above.

श्री एस.एस. अहलुवालिया: सभापति महोदय, मंत्री महोदय ने अपने जवाब में बताया कि बिहार ने कोई भी प्रोपोजल जमा नहीं किया है। उन्होंने अपने जवाब में यह भी बताया कि और राज्यों

के साथ-साथ बिहार को भी उन्होंने रिक्वेस्ट की है कि इसके बारे में पालिसी गाइडलाइन एनाऊंस की जाएं। मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहूंगा कि क्या इसके लिए कोई टाइम बाउंड प्रोग्राम बनाया गया है और टाइम बाउंड प्रोग्राम बनाने के साथ साथ उन्होंने क्या सब राज्यों के मंत्रियों की मीटिंग बुलाकर उनको इसके बारे में विधिवत सूचना दी है यां सरकुलर्स भेजकर छोड़ दिया है या उसके लिए टेक्नोलाजिकल गाइडलाइंस या टेक्नालाजिकल सपोर्ट देने का कोई अनुदान दिया है या कोई एक्सपर्ट टीम बिहार में भेजी है कि किस प्रकार से म्यूनिसपल वेस्ट का नाम कन्वेंशनल सोर्स आफ एनर्जी में उपयोग किया जा सकता है?

SHRI M. KANNAPPAN: Sir, my Ministry, in various meetings of the Secretaries of the States, has been reminding the State Governments, including the State of Bihar, to announce the policy. But they have not announced the policy.

श्री एस.एस. अहलुवालिया: मेरे सवाल का जवाब नहीं आया सर। मैं फिर जानना चाहूंगा.....

Mr. Chairman, Sir, through you, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether they have given any technological support to the State to prepare the policy guidelines on non-conventional sources of energy based on municipal waste and whether they have given any separate allocation for this purpose. If so, when was it given and how much amount have been allocated to the State of Bihar?

SHRI M. KANNAPPAN: In all the States, the Government is providing interest subsidy loans and capital subsidy of 50% on the projects. But in regard to Bihar there is no proposal pending at this point of time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, next question; Question No. 449; Shri Prem Chand Gupta.

PLF of Thermal Power Plants

*449. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that modernisation of existing power plants is the cost effective method of raising the Plant Load Factor (PLF) from sixty per cent to seventy-four per cent;

(b) whether the average Plant Load Factor of thermal power plants is sixty-two per cent; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?